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Fourth care home in Suffolk receives Outstanding rating

On 30 September, it was reported that Care UK's Mills Meadow care home in Framlingham has been officially rated as 'Outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission. This is the fourth Care UK home in Suffolk to be awarded the Outstanding rating, following in the footsteps of Asterbury Place in Ipswich, Cleves Place, Haverhill, and Mildenhall Lodge, Mildenhall.

The report from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) highlighted a number of areas that were found to be of the highest quality, including:

"People were exceptionally happy with the outstanding care they received from Mills Meadow. They shared numerous examples of the high-quality care that met and exceeded their individual needs and expectations and enhanced their daily lives."

"Feedback from relatives, visitors and professionals was equally complimentary describing dedicated and compassionate staff, who repeatedly went the extra mile to ensure people's lives were filled with enjoyment, meaningful engagement and inclusion in the place they called home."

"People were consistently treated with dignity and respect in a way that celebrated and championed them as individuals."

(CQC Inspection report for Mills Meadow, Framlingham - 29th August 2019)

The CQC report also paid special attention to the notable presence that Mills Meadow has in Framlingham and within the local community. The recent inspection by CQC found that effective community links have been established, with different community groups regularly visiting the home, as well as residents of the home accessing the local area through a wide range of local activities.

Mills Meadow is a 60-bed care home with 20 SCC contracted block beds. The county council continues works closely with Care UK in the management of the contract.

The Hold Topping Out ceremony

Construction of 'The Hold' archives and heritage centre has reached its highest point.

On 25 September, contractors R G Carter, along with senior officers from Suffolk County Council, the University of Suffolk, Ipswich Vision and the National Lottery Heritage Fund, celebrated the official 'Topping Out' of the new building.

Located on the campus of the University of Suffolk, within Ipswich's unique and regenerating Waterfront, the building will house the majority of Suffolk's nationally and internationally significant archives.

More than just a new building, 'The Hold' project will also be the engine for a transformed, audience-focused Archives service reaching out to diverse communities in Ipswich, the county and the nation, through its activity and digital programmes, engaging people in new and exciting ways.

To mark the topping out of The Hold, local heritage charity, Suffolk Archives Foundation, launched its 'Make your Mark' campaign to encourage public support for the project and through this give Suffolk's colourful past an exciting future.

Funds raised will go towards meeting remaining construction costs at The Hold and the fitting-out of the interior of the building to the high standards that visitors from all walks of life deserve.

Suffolk, How Are You?

On 17 September, Public Health Suffolk and Ipswich and East Clinical Commissioning Group launched a campaign focused on wellbeing and healthy weight. Suffolk How Are You? looks at improving wellbeing and maintaining a healthy weight through eating well, moving more and sleeping well. Residents are encouraged to complete the How Are You? quiz, linked to the national 'One You' campaign, which assesses different aspects of a person's lifestyle and helps to identify ways to improve emotional and physical wellbeing. For those who complete the How Are You? quiz, there is a prize draw to win 1 year's subscription to Spotify. The prize draw is open until 10 March 2020. Throughout the campaign there will be lots of exciting opportunities to take part in various activities linked to moving more, eating well and sleeping better. Those who take part in Active Suffolk's This Girl Can, Health Walks, or RED January could be in with a chance of winning a Fitbit. People can also send in their #5adaysuffolk photos via Twitter and Instagram. Be sure to tag @SCCPublicHealth or @OneLifeSuffolk in your posts to be in with a chance of winning a cookbook. There is also a place up for grabs on a 1-hour workshop on sleeping well with Suffolk MIND. Visit www.suffolkhowareyou.co.uk for further details of the competitions. Coming up in November, there will be three exciting light displays which will take place in Stowmarket, Ipswich and Felixstowe at their Christmas lights switch-on events.

Visit www.suffolkhowareyou.co.uk to complete the How Are You? quiz.

Window open to apply for primary and secondary school places

Parents and carers can now apply for primary and secondary school places for September 2020. The deadline for applications to secure a place at a Suffolk

secondary school is Thursday 31 October 2019 and for a primary school it is Wednesday 15 January 2020. Secondary schools include high and upper schools and primary schools include infant, junior and middle schools. Last year, Suffolk County Council received nearly 16,000 applications. 92% of applicants received offers for their first preference school and nearly 98% of applicants received an offer for one of their top three preferred schools. Parents and carers need to be aware that some schools have their own admissions policy which sets out how places will be prioritised, so it is important to check each school's admissions policy before applying. When applying for their preferred school parents and carers also need to consider how they will get their child to and from school. To find out more about SCC's school travel policy please visit www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel.

Councillor Gordon Jones, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills, said:

"Making the right school choice is one of the most important decisions a parent makes on behalf of their child.

"I would urge all parents and carers to complete and submit their application by the closing date of 31 October 2019 for a secondary school place and 15 January 2020 for a primary school place to give their child the best chance of getting in to one of their preferred schools. We will process all of the applications received by these dates at the same time using schools' oversubscription criteria to prioritise applications when necessary.

"Parents and carers can list up to three schools on their application form and we recommend applying for more than one school."

Parents and carers should apply online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions as they will receive confirmation that we have received their application. If for any reason parents and carers are unable to apply online they should apply on a paper CAF1 application form. Suffolk County Council is unable to acknowledge receipt of paper applications and therefore suggest that proof of posting is obtained.

A completed application must be submitted for every child wanting a secondary school place or a primary school place from September 2020. If you are planning to move house or you think your circumstances may change before September, it is still important to make an application on time. Advice and guidance about this process is available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions.

Suffolk Councils set out their concerns, expectations and areas of focus as part of a joint response to EDF Energy's Stage 4 Sizewell C consultation

On 16 September, Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council published their proposed joint authority response to EDF Energy's Stage 4 public consultation for a new nuclear site on Suffolk's east coast. The councils held cabinet meetings on

Monday 23rd (East Suffolk) and Tuesday 24th (Suffolk County Council) September to confirm the details of their response.

Both councils welcomed the further round of public consultation so that EDF Energy could provide additional detail and amendments to the proposals presented at Stage 3. However, both councils were somewhat disappointed that EDF Energy did not use this opportunity to respond to key elements of some of the concerns raised earlier in the process.

The joint report makes it clear that the authorities continue to support the principle of a new nuclear power station at Sizewell and recognise the significant benefits that such a development would bring. However, there continues to be concern about the environmental, social and economic impacts of such a large-scale development, especially regarding the cumulative energy-related projects which are currently muted for the east Suffolk coast.

Based on the proposals put forward by EDF Energy at Stage 4, both councils want to see a sustainable transport strategy put in place by the energy firm to ensure that every effort is made to reduce the impact on road use and congestion as part of any development that takes place. As part of this mitigation, each council continues to expect EDF Energy to maximise the development and use of marine and rail transport options.

The scale of investment surrounding development of a new site at Sizewell would be similar to the London 2012 Olympics, believed to be worth around £14 billion. As part of Stage 4, EDF Energy has projected that the development's workforce would be around 8,500 at its peak which is around 2,500 higher than previously suggested. Once in operation, the power station would create 900 permanent jobs. EDF Energy expects the development to generate £100m for the regional economy during construction and £40m each year during its operation.

EDF Energy has always said that Stage 4 was an extension of its Stage 3 public consultation and they have used this latest round to offer further detail on freight management strategy options, which explain broadly how they intend to move materials, machinery and people through Suffolk to access the development site. All three strategies offered by EDF Energy include road transport movement. This remains a key area of concern for local communities close to the proposed site.

Suffolk County Councillor Richard Smith, Chairman of the Sizewell C Joint Local Authorities Group (JLAG) said:

“We held a really well attended community event in July, with representation from every local community close to the Sizewell area. Residents shared their views with us regarding what has been presented by EDF Energy at Stage 4. This feedback has been welcomed by both local authorities and has been a key part in how we

have come to consider our joint response. I really want to see a much greater use of rail and marine transport used during any construction period. I welcome that a rail-led strategy is still one of the proposed options.

Both local authorities are willing to assist EDF Energy through further discussions with the Department for Transport and Network Rail to see what can potentially be done. Whilst it has only been around six months since the end of Stage 3 consultation, there are many areas that we wish to see progressed and resolved before EDF Energy submit a DCO. This is the view of our local communities as well as both councils.”

Proposals for Sizewell C will be considered under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) process which is part of the Planning Act 2008. It is expected that EDF Energy will submit their plans early next year for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for consideration.

Based on the nature of this planning process, both Suffolk councils have an important role to play in putting forward the views of the local community. As consultees, the councils are committed to doing all they can to make sure the development can work for the people of Suffolk as well as significantly contributing to the nation’s energy needs. There will also be a key role for the councils in providing a Local Impact Report for the examination of the application by the Planning Inspectorate. The councils will be responsible for discharging the requirements (planning conditions) on the Development Consent Order and be responsible for the monitoring and enforcement of any DCO made.

[Suffolk County Council’s Cabinet papers can be accessed here.](#)

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